

# **MEETING NOTES**

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM A-Team call

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

MEETING DATE: 4/20/2022 ISSUED DATE: 4/20/2022

ATTENDEES: Bob Large, Brach Smith, Daniel Bradbury, Giles Coon, Jackie Ly, Keith Dyas, Holly Jones, Josephine Gutierrez, Lynn Glidden, Neil Weisenberger, Richard Gavilanes, Sally Johnson, Scott Rogers, Susan Zahnter, Todd Lemen, Tom Barnes, Vickie Rausch, Yao Kouwonou, Yvonne Malikowski, Vanessa De Anda, Mary Wood, John

## **Stakeholder Meeting Notes**

#### A. Welcome and Introductions (Daniel Bradbury)

- The Antelope Valley (AV) Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Daniel Bradbury from the Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW), Waterworks Division. Topics related to the Proposition (Prop.) 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant update and upcoming funding opportunities were led by Vanessa De Anda of Woodard & Curran (W&C). The Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP) portion of the meeting was opened and lead by Giles Coon from Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW) and Vanessa De Anda and Sally Johnson from W&C.
- Daniel Bradbury and Claudia Bolanos (Palmdale Water District) are coordinating the Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) for the AV IRWM Region. A-Team members should submit their MOUs as soon as possible.

### B. Ongoing Regional Funding (Vanessa De Anda)

2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding – Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACI) Set Aside

• The deadline for this application was April 15, 2022. W&C worked with Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID) and Palmdale Water District (PWD) to submit a grant application for the two projects detailed below.

Sponsor	Name	Description
Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID)	Mills Tract-Water Main Replacement-Old Steel	Replace 5.6 mi. of old, leaky water main pipeline and valves
Palmdale Water District (PWD)	Conservation and Education Garden	Construct amphitheater for presentations and workshops and garden to showcase water- saving plants and other learning activities

Proposition (Prop.) 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant

• The final PSP for the Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant program is anticipated to be released by late April 2022. There is approximately \$1 million in funding available for the AV IRWM Region. Grant application deadlines are anticipated in August 2022 or



February 2023, depending on when the AV IRWM Region decides to move forward with the application process.

 Five projects were submitted during the Call for Projects for consideration. The AV IRWM A-Team met on March 7, 2022, to discuss "shovel-ready" projects to be considered under the DACI set aside opportunity. The A-Team verbally agreed to move forward with the Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM grant application consisting of the City of Lancaster's recycled water projects, shown below.

Sponsor	Name	Description	Cost
City of Lancaster	Avenue I and 5 <sup>th</sup> Street East Recycled Water Line	Serve 3 elementary schools, landscape maintenance districts and misc. onsite landscaping	\$1.2M
City of Lancaster	Avenue H-6 Recycled Water Line	Serve Whit Carter Park	\$1.4M

#### C. Project Updates

- All projects funded under Prop. 1 Round 2 are progressing. Rosamond Community Services District's project is nearly 99% complete and is anticipated to be online in three weeks.
- Antelope Valley East Kern (AVEK) Water Agency was awarded an additional \$5 million from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) under the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding. AVEK is currently working with DWR to amend the existing Prop. 1 Round 1 agreement to include this additional funding.

#### D. Public Comment

• Bob Large would like to see participation from the Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB) in the development of the Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP). He has been in communication with someone at the EAFB and will invite them to participate in the development of the CWP.

#### E. Los Angeles County Water Plan

- The Los Angeles County Public Works led a presentation to provide context for preliminary CWP content, present a process for reviewing and providing input, and initiate a discussion on the preliminary content.
- The preliminary strategies (available <u>here</u>) were developed to help the region make progress towards the desired outcomes that were identified by stakeholders through the first round of stakeholder workshops and refined to reflect input received in subsequent workshops. Stakeholders were asked:
  - Are there programs and/or projects you are working on that support the actions that we have missed?



- What interest might you have in your entity or subregion participating in the advancement of preliminary strategies or actions that are important to you?
- Stakeholders are asked to provide written feedback by May 13, 2022 via email at LACountyWaterPlan@pw.lacounty.gov
- For more information on the CWP, please visit <u>https://lacountywaterplan.com</u>
- A formal comment period for Draft CWP is anticipated in September 2022.

#### F. Action Items

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
None identified	-	